

### *Vestal, NY Student Already offered Appointment to West Point*

*Washington, DC* - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced his nominees to the U.S. service academies for the Class of 2015. After a thorough examination process in which his office reviewed numerous applications, Hinchey selected 16 local high school students whom he believes would excel at the U.S. Air Force, Military, Naval and Merchant Marine Academies. West Point Military Academy has already offered an appointment to Joseph "Bobby" Kulp III of Vestal, New York, and Hinchey expects that more nominees will also receive appointments.

"It is a great honor to nominate 16 young men and women from our area to our nation's service academies," Hinchey said. "These young leaders have demonstrated their dedication to community and country. They have excelled in scholastics, physical fitness and extracurricular activities. They represent the best and brightest, and I know that each would serve with honor and distinction. I wish them all the very best with the rest of the application process."

The selection process for the nominees was based on each student's scholastic record, physical fitness, extracurricular activities, professional recommendations and a personal interview. The process is highly competitive and the admissions departments of the service academies make the final decision on acceptance.

The names of Hinchey's nominees, by academy, are as follows:

United States Air Force Academy  
**Matthew Presutti** of Newburgh  
Academy Preparatory School

- Valley Central High School, US Air Force

United States Military Academy

**Anneliese Antonucci** of Poughkeepsie - Poughkeepsie High School

**Daniel Crisci** of Newburgh -

Valley Central High School

**Joseph Gaynor** of Bloomingburg -

Pine Bush High School

**Timothy Goldstone** of Accord -

Rondout Valley High School

## Hinchey Announces Military Academy Nominations for Class of 2015

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**Jared Jenson** of Kingston -

Kingston High School

**Joseph "Bobby" Kulp III** of Vestal  
Military College

- Vestal Senior High School, Valley Forge

**Lukas Saul** of Ithaca -  
Community College

Ithaca High School, Tompkins Cortland

**Kateri Sibley** of Windsor

- Windsor Central High School

**Matthew Webster** of Apalachin  
Aeronautical University

- Owego Free Academy, Embry-Riddle

**Christopher Whipple** of Neversink

- Tri-Valley Central School

United States Merchant Marine Academy

**Padraig Loughlin** of Esopus -

Nile C. Kinnick High School

United States Naval Academy

**Christopher Chase** of Middletown -

Pine Bush High School

**Luke Miller** of Ithaca

- Ithaca High School

**Joshua Nysenbaum** of Binghamton -

Binghamton High School

**Megan Rausch** of Glen Spey -

Home School

Members of the House and Senate may nominate eligible candidates for appointments to the nation's service academies. Senators nominate applicants statewide, while representatives, such as Hinchey, nominate applicants only from the congressional district they represent.

Students who are interested in being nominated by Hinchey in the future should first contact the service academy of their choice during their junior year in high school and then request a nomination from the congressman's office shortly thereafter. The deadline for the Class of 2016 nominations is October 21, 2011. For more information on the application process, students and parents are encouraged to visit Hinchey's website page on academy nominations at <http://hinchey.house.gov>.